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BOSTON was visited by another severe calamity yesterday, a full report of which will be found in our next number. The loss is estimated at one million dollars, probably entirely only one or two lives were lost.

MEMORIAL DAY, the sweetest holiday in our American year, was observed with appropriate ceremonies yesterday throughout the country, and especially in Washington and the District of Columbia.

This morning we print a full report of the proceedings in the different national and other cemeteries where the valiant dead who gave their lives to their country sleep their last sleep.

A FATHER of the Rev. Henry Ward Beecher writes a letter, which will be found in another column, to the New York Times, with a view of settling the charges that have been made against the pastor of Plymouth church. The author of the letter has been compelled to do so, for it is evident that his son has been fully as forcible in asserting their independence of the selfish influences of ex-Senator John P. Hale. The immediate occasion of the disruption was the effort of this eminent demagogue to foist upon the council a number of delegates who had been selected and appointed by him or his friends, instead of being regularly elected by legitimately organized "shops." The chairman, whose support is derived from neglectful attention to the duties of a public office, so manipulated that meeting that a motion for a secret session carried, the proceeds of which were to be used in the support of Hale's personal adherents, and resulted in a determination to continue the aid which the entire council has heretofore extended to him. Those delegates who withdrew, comprising carpenters, turners, harness-makers, painters and other bona fide mechanics, subsequently held a meeting at which the determination was expressed to throw Hale and any other politician aside for the purpose of preserving the organization from the selfish schemes of demagogues. No right-minded man can for a moment believe that these withdrawalists are the friends of these self-sacrificing seceders. In truth, they preserve the original object of their association intact, while the so-called regular council has allowed them to dilute their influence.

The secessionists have almost superseded the politicians. It is made a habit at their meetings to denounce the "regulars" as "softists" and "cowards," and to demand that they shall be called to account for their conduct on the part of Hale.

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THE SUMMER FASHIONS.

WHAT WILL BE WORN THIS SEASON.

Neutral Tint—the Rage—The Pelicans Going Out and the Redwings Coming In—Sunshades, Sashes, Gloves, Boots, Hats, &c., &c.

(From our own Correspondent.)

What are we going to wear this summer? That is a very good form of question, and it is a very good question to ask. Some persons have said and some have written that summer is upon us. Summer with its long thunders, its great heat, bright skies and glorious sun. Nothing of the sort. The wish is mother of the thought, and the thought is that in these cool days, since streets and gray drizzle, we can't stand still.

We have a right to expect that the many gods will make him known before many days, and that he will speak to us in his own language. We will then have a full hope of its coming, and we will then ask the question with a full hope of its coming, and we will then ask the question with a full hope of its coming.

Briefly, we are going to wear very few colors.

The prevailing idea is quite tame—browses and ivy shades, and here and there a dash of color, as red, yellow, blue, &c., &c. Persons who are not in the know, and who are not in the know, will say that we are not in the know, and who are not in the know, will say that we are not in the know.

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